

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A molded breast pad for a brassiere having a body-contacting surface, comprising:
one or more first layers being formed from a first material, said first material having a first loft associated therewith; and
one or more second layers being formed from a second material, said second material having a second loft associated therewith different from that of said first material,
wherein the molded breast pad is molded such that a first portion thereof is compressed relative to a second portion thereby forming a demarcation line between said first portion and said second portion that is formed on the body-contacting surface and that is not visible on a wearer's breast during wear, said first portion being an upper portion, said second portion being a lower portion, said demarcation line running through a center portion of the pad to separate said upper portion and said lower portion.
2. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 1, wherein said one or more first layers are situated intermediate at least two of said one or more second layers.

3. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 1, wherein said first material has elastomeric properties associated therewith.

4. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 3, wherein said second material has elastomeric properties associated therewith that differ from those of said first material.

5. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 1, wherein said first material has elastomeric properties that depend on said first loft such that the flexibility of said one or more first layers can be changed by manipulating the extent of said first loft.

6. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 1, wherein said compressed portion of the molded breast pad has different elastomeric properties than a remaining portion of the molded breast pad.

7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented) The molded breast pad of claim 1, wherein said demarcation line is formed on a body contacting surface of the pad such that an opposing surface of the molded breast pad is substantially smooth.

9. (original) A brassiere having the molded breast pad of claim 1.

10. (currently amended) A molded breast pad having a body-contacting surface, comprising:

a first part having a relatively full loft;

a second part having a loft relatively reduced from said loft of said first part; and

a demarcation line separating said first part from said second part, said line of demarcation formed on the body-contacting surface and not being visible on a wearer's breast during wear, said first portion being an upper portion, said second portion being a lower portion, said demarcation line running along a center portion of the pad to separate said upper portion from said lower portion,

wherein said first part and said second part are both formed from a material block having one or more first layers of a first material and one or more second layers of a second material.

11. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 10, wherein said one or more first layers are situated intermediate at least two of said one or more second layers.

12. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 10, wherein said first material has elastomeric properties associated therewith.

13. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 12, wherein said second material has elastomeric properties associated therewith that differ from said elastomeric properties of said first material.

14. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 10, wherein said first material has elastomeric properties that depend on the loft thereof such that the flexibility of said one or more first layers can be changed by manipulating or changing said loft.

15. (original) The molded breast pad of claim 10, wherein said second part has elastomeric properties that differ from said elastomeric properties of said first part.

16. (canceled).

17. (previously presented) The molded breast pad of claim 10, wherein said demarcation line is formed on a body contacting surface of the pad such that an opposing surface of the molded breast pad is substantially smooth.

18. (original) A brassiere having the molded breast pad of claim 10.

19. (currently amended) A method of forming a molded breast pad, comprising the steps of:

providing a material block having one or more first layers of a first material and one or more second layers of a second material, said first material and said second material each having different lofts associated therewith;

positioning said material block in a molding apparatus such that said molding apparatus can interact with the material block;

causing said molding apparatus to interact with said material block to form one or more three-dimensional breast pads having three-dimensional cup shapes with a portion thereof being effected such that said portion has a relatively reduced loft,

wherein said reduced loft portion forms a demarcation line with the rest of said three dimensional breast pad that is not visible on wearer's breast during wear, said demarcation line running along a center portion of the pad to separate an upper portion and a lower portion of said pad.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said demarcation line separates said reduced loft portion from the rest of said three dimensional breast pad.

21. (currently amended) A molded breast pad for a brassiere having a body-contacting surface, comprising:

one or more first layers being formed from a first material, said first material having a first loft associated therewith; and

one or more second layers being formed from a second material, said second material having a second loft associated therewith different from that of said first material,

wherein the molded breast pad is molded such that a first portion thereof is compressed relative to a second portion thereby forming a demarcation line between said first portion and said second portion, said first portion being an upper portion, said second portion being a lower portion, said demarcation line running along a center portion of the pad to separate said upper portion and said lower portion.

22. (currently amended) A molded breast pad for a brassiere having a body-contacting surface, comprising:

one or more first layers being formed from a first material, said first material having a first loft associated therewith; and

one or more second layers being formed from a second material, said second material having a second loft associated therewith different from that of said first material,

wherein the molded breast pad is molded such that a first portion thereof is compressed relative to a second portion thereby forming a demarcation line between said first portion and said second portion that is formed on the body-contacting surface and that is not visible on a wearer's breast during wear, said first portion being an upper portion, said second portion being a lower portion.

said demarcation line running along a center portion of the pad to separate said first portion and said second portion.

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A molded breast pad for a brassiere having a body-contacting surface, comprising:

one or more first layers being formed from a first material, said first material having a first loft associated therewith; and

one or more second layers being formed from a second material, said second material having a second loft associated therewith different from that of said first material,

wherein the molded breast pad is molded such that a first portion thereof is compressed relative to a second portion thereby forming a three-dimensional cup shape, one of said first portion or said second portion being a first upper portion and the other of said first portion or said second portion being a lower portion of the pad, wherein a by said upper portion is separated from said lower portion

25. (previously presented) A molded breast pad for a brassiere having a body-contacting surface, comprising:

one or more first layers being formed from a first material, said first material having a first loft associated therewith; and

one or more second layers being formed from a second material, said second material having a second loft associated therewith different from that of said first material,

wherein the molded breast pad is molded such that a first part thereof is compressed relative to a second part thereby forming a demarcation line between said first part and said second part, said demarcation line running along a center portion of the pad, said first part being an first upper part and said second part being a second lower part, said demarcation line separating said upper part from said lower part.

26. (currently amended) A molded breast pad for a brassiere, said brassiere having a pair of breast-receiving cups and two side panels, one of said side panels associated with one of said pair of breast-receiving cups and the other of said two side panels associated with the other of said pair of breast-receiving cups, said pad comprising:

one or more first layers being formed from a first material, said first material having a first loft associated therewith; and

one or more second layers being formed from a second material, said second material having a second loft associated therewith different from that of said first material,

wherein the molded breast pad is molded such that a first portion thereof is compressed relative to a second portion thereby forming a demarcation line between said first portion and said second portion that is formed on the body-

contacting surface and that is not visible on a wearer's breast during wear, said first portion being an upper portion and said second portion being a lower portion, said demarcation line having two ends, one of said two ends proximate a center portion of the brassiere between said two breast-receiving cups and the other of said two ends proximate a side panel of the breast-receiving cup, said demarcation line traversing a central portion of said pad, separating said upper portion from said lower portion.

27. (canceled).

28. (canceled).